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SUBJECT: NO OFFICIAL GOK REACTION TO SADAT/BEGIN ISMAILIA
MEETING; PRESS MOSTLY PRESSIMISTIC

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1. KUWAITI FONMIN SHAYKH SABAH AL-AHMAD IS REPORTED AS
HAVING DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE TALKS HELD BY SADAT
AND BEGIN ON THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE. ACCORDING TO
DAILIES AL RAI AL AM AND AL-SIYASSAH DECEMBER 27 FONMIN
ADDED THAT GOK HAS RECEIVED NO OFFICIAL INFORMATION
ON THE TALKS, AND REFERRED TO THE KUWAITI POSITION
ANNOUNCED 25 DECEMBER (REPORTED REFTEL) AS BEING THE
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CLEAR GOK POSITION.

2. ARABIC DAILIES ALL REPORT FONMIN'S REMARKS AFTER HIS
TALK WITH VISITING FRENCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SPEAKER
EDGAR FAURE, QUOTING FONMIN AS HAVING INFORMED FAURE
THAT NO JUST PEACE WILL BE REALIZED "EXCEPT WITH THE
PARTICIPATION OF ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED, ESPECIALLY THE

PALESTINIANS." PAPERS ALSO REPORT FONMIN AS HAVING REITERATED KUWAITI ADHERENCE TO THE RABAT SUMMIT DECISION WHICH RECOGNIZED THE PLO AS THE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

3. KUWAITI PRESS DECEMBER 27 TAKES GENERALLY PESSIMISTIC LINE IN ANALYSING NEWS FROM ISMAILIA, WITH HEADLINES SUCH AS "TALKS REACHED A DEAD END" (AL-QABAS), "GAP WIDE BETWEEN TWO PARTIES" (AL RAI AL AM), AND "FAILURE TO AGREE" (AL WATAN). AL ANBA AND AL SIYASSAH STRIKE SOMEWHAT UPBEAT NOTE, WITH FORMER'S EXCLUSIVE FROM CAIRO HEADED "FULL WITHDRAWAL FROM SINAI IN SIX MONTHS" AND EMPHASIS ON SADAT'S HAVING INSISTED THAT PALESTINIAN ISSUE BE DISCUSSED AS A POLITICAL PROBLEM; AND AL SIYASSAH'S "SADAT AND BEGIN DIFFER, LEAVE DOOR OPEN TO MINISTERIAL NEGOTIATIONS."

4. KUWAITI EDITORIALS REMAIN NEGATIVE CONCERNING PROSPECT FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPREHENSIVE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, WITH EXCEPTION OF AL-SIYASSAH. HAVING SUPPORTED SADAT'S INITIATIVE FROM THE START, AL-SIYASSAH CONTINUES TO ARGUE FOR TOLERANCE OF HIS INITIATIVE. DECEMBER 26 EDITORIAL CALLS FOR RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT MEETINGS BETWEEN LONG-STANDING ENEMIES CANNOT BEAR FRUIT OVERNIGHT. "REALITY REQUIRED THAT A PERIOD OF TIME SHOULD ELAPSE TO ENABLE THE ANTAGONISTS TO

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ADJUST THEIR PEOPLES' DEMANDS TO THE NEW REALITIES OF PEACE AND TO GIVE UP CERTAIN NATIONALISTIC DEMANDS THE TWO PARTIES HAD UPHELD FOR MANY YEARS."

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